

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3611  
PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. 2100.0082

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Timothy M. JOHNS et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3611
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Application No.: 10/781,629	)	Examiner: Yeagley, Daniel S.
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Filed: February 20, 2004	)	Confirmation No.: 4131
	)	
For: LIFTING SYSTEMS AND	)	<b>Mail Stop AF</b>
METHODS FOR USE WITH A	)	
HITCH MECHANISM	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 6, 2007, the period for response having been extended through May 6, 2008 by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this Amendment.